Axecutive Froclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, In the early 1890's, Hot Springs was considered an ideal location for a proposed national samitarium; and,

WHEREAS, By May 29th of 1902, this dream became a reality when President "Teddy" Roosevelt signed the authorization for this expansive facility; and,

WHEREAS, Five years and one million dollars later the sanitarium, originally known as the Battle Mountain Sanitarium, was completed and activated; and,

WHEREAS, Seventy-five years have passed and the Veterans Administration Center of Hot Springs, first planned as a hospital "for the treatment of disabled soldiers," now consists of a 252-bed general medical and surgical hospital and a 485-bed domiciliary; and,

WHEREAS, Today the Hot Springs VA Center, strategically located at the picturesque base of the beautiful Black Hills, provides the finest in modern medical care in a warm, yet professional setting; and,

WHEREAS, This month the Center has dedicated one week to celebrating its 75 years of service to the community, the state and to the nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 9 through 15, 1982, as

HOT SPRINGS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION CENTER WEEK

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

WILLIAM J. AAHKLOW, GOVERNOR

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE